Year	No. of persons
2002	13
2003	15
2004	8
2005	19
2006	14

Transactions of Kendriya Bhandar

†2652. SHRI SURENDRALATH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of rupees in crores transacted and the percentage of dividend earned by the Kendriya Bhandar during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the total transaction and net profit under the Kendriya Bhandar has been decreasing continuously;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase transaction and dividend of the Kendriya Bhandar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) During the last three years, the total transactions made by Kendriya Bhandar and the dividend declared are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Sales Turnover	% of dividend declared on shareholding
2003-04	292.67	30
2004-05	351.13	30
2005-06	279.80	15

(d) Kendriya Bhandar is making efforts to diversify its business by opening new retail stores and renovating its existing stores to attract customers and increase sales.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.